(b) what is the number of cases in which the Cantonment Boards and the GOC-in-Chief Directorate of Defence Estates, Lucknow are the petitioner;

(c) what is the number of cases decided against the Cantonment Boards during the last three years, stating the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred in each of the court cases; including payments to the Counsels, during the years 1986 and 1987, till date; and

(e) whether Government propose to hold any inquiry into such infructuous expenditure and wastage of public funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Seminar in Biotechnology**

3075. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar was held recently to create an awareness amoungst financial institutions about the potential of bio-technology for rural development;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to use bio-technology for setting up of units to manufacture a number of products in States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) A seminar was organised by the Union Bank of India on July 28, 1987. The seminar was not particularly addressed to bio-technology for rural development. The objective of the seminar was to create an awareness among banks and financing institutions about the potential of promoting bio-technology based industries. Representatives from the financing institutions, industries, research organisations and concerned Government Departments participated in the seminar.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Development of infrastructure facilities for R&D and information network as break-up support for industrial growth in biotechnology;

(ii) Training of Personnel;

(iii) Organisation of seminars/workshops to provide linkage between the industry and the R&D institutions;

(iv) Organisation of meetings for interaction between the representatives of industries in India and abroad; and

(v) Venture capital to provide catalytic support for setting up of biotechnology based industrial units.

**Complaints against Director, Defence Estates and Cantonment Eexecutive Officers, Lucknow**

3076. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received by Government against the present Director, Defence Estates Central Command, Lucknow and the Cantonment Executive Officer Lucknow, respectively, from September 1983 to July, 1986;

(b) what is the number of complaints received by Government against the Cantonment Executive Officer, Lucknow, during the period from July 1986, till date;

(c) what is the nature of the complaints, whether all the complaints have been investigated by Government, if so, what is the outcome thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be negative, whether Government propose to hold an inquiry into the complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) 5 and 9 respectively.

(b) 4.

(c) Complaints against the Director, Defence Estates, Central Command are about the transfer of a Doctor from Lucknow Cantonment Board to Varanasi Cantonment Board and alleged high handedness in dealing with the Jhansi Cantonment Board. Complaints against the Cantonment Executive Officer, Lucknow are about alleged corruption in Cantonment Board office, mismanagement and wasteful and infructuous expenditure. 12 complaints were investigated by the Directorate General, Defence Estates, and were found to have no substance Investigation into the rest is in progress.

(d) Does not arise.

**Dereservation of small scale sector**

3077. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested dereservation of small scale sector;

(b) what are the other recommendations in the policy paper "new industrial policy initiatives";

(c) when was this note submitted and whether the Government have studied its implications; and

(d) whether the blanket definition of small scale unit of Rs. 35 lakhs has any economic rationale and whether the same will be revised on the basis of minimum investment for optimally sized units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No paper has been submitted to the Government by Planning Commission on this subject.

(d) Definition of small scale undertaking in terms of investment in plant and machinery was raised from Rs. 20 lakhs to Rs. 35 lakhs in 1985, keeping in view the escalation in the cost of plant and machinery. Future revision in the definition shall depend upon the emerging situation.

**NRI Deposits**

3078. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any data on the proportion of NRI deposits which come from different areas of the world;

(b) what are the total outstanding NRI deposits uptill now and what is the share of the Foreign Currency Deposits and Rupee Deposits;

(c) whether Government is aware that rupee deposits may decline once the gulf-boom is over;

(d) whether Government propose to undertake data collection country-wise in order to assess future trends; and